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"AF" Amendment

Attention: Mail Stop AF -- Art Unit 3635
 Examiner Jennifer I. Thissell
 Supervisory Examiner Carl D. Friedman

Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450:

I certify that this correspondence is facsimile-transmitted to the Patent and Trademark Office (703 872 9327) on 16 OCT 2003:

Christopher John Rudy Christopher John Rudy 16 OCT 2003.

Thank you for the 08/15/2003 Office action (Paper No. 6) for the patent application of reference. In reply to Paper No. 6, please reconsider and further examine the present application, and amend the present specification as set forth herein.

Submitted herewith is a Second 37 CFR 1.132 Declaration. Examiner Thissell is thanked for agreeing to consider it as under final status as she left in a telephone message of this Oct. 6th.

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS begin on the following sheet. Claims 1-3 and 9-25 remain present. Since twenty total including three independent claims remain, no fee for these claims is due. The present amendments are fully supported by underlying written and pictorial parts of the specification. See, e.g., pages 8, lines 4-6, and 9, lines 5-6, and FIGS. 1-26. No new matter is added.

Presuming for the sake of argument that the final status of Paper No. 6 is proper, this amendment may be entered because it places the case in condition for allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal, or reduces appeal issues. No additional consideration nor search is needed. However, the final status of Paper No. 6 is traversed. The April 21, 2003 Amendment did not necessitate the new grounds of rejection. For one example, the amendments to claim 1 were in previously examined claims: cross-hatch grooves, claims 2, 8; adhesive ventilation, claim 7; "glue rivets," claim 8. As well, newly rejected claims 18-20 and 25 are merely re-presentations of original, previously examined claims 4-7. The art applied in Paper No. 6 could have been applied in Paper No. 4. Please, thus, withdraw the final status, enter this amendment, and consider the accompanying declaration.

Please act upon the fresh Form PTO-1449 substitute filed on April 21, 2003. No such acted-upon form accompanied Paper No. 6.

FURTHER REMARKS additional to the foregoing introductory arguments, comments and requests follow the CLAIMS AMENDMENTS.

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